

Torrance, California  
November 24, 1936

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, November 24, 1936 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Stanger called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. Absent: Councilman McGuire.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held November 10, 1936 and of the adjourned regular meeting held November 17, 1936 be approved as written. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication dated November 16, 1936, thanking the Council for the privilege granted the Coordinating Council to hold its regular meetings in the Court Room.

Communication from the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion, requesting permission to stage a carnival between November 25 and November 29, 1936.

Upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Powell, this request was granted.

Letter of appreciation from the City of Redondo Beach for the sympathy and assistance rendered by the Torrance Police Department and City officials in the loss of one of the Redondo police officers, Mr. Clarence L. Kipp.

Communication from Howard G. Locke and W. H. Gilbert, requesting that the City reconsider award for fleet insurance.

Councilman Tolson and City Attorney Rippy stated that they had checked the legality of this contract and found that the City was within its rights.

Councilman Powell moved that the communication be filed. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried.

Communication from the Fern Avenue School P.T.A., requesting the following: (1) "SCHOOL SLOW" sign on Torrance Boulevard west of Fern. (2) Safety zones on Torrance Boulevard and on Cedar at El Dorado. (3) That the water tanks should not be drained when children are going to and from school. (4) Permanent crossing guard at Torrance Boulevard and Cedar between 8 and 9 A.M., 11:15 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., and 2:00 to 3:15 P.M. (5) Sidewalk from Torrance Boulevard to El Dorado on Elm St. (6) Four-way stop at intersection of Torrance Boulevard and Cedar.

City Engineer Leonard stated that the School Board should be contacted regarding the placing of the sidewalk on Elm, as that is school property.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to contact the Board of Education and request them to lay the sidewalk. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried.

It was decided to comply with the other requests, in so far as practicable.

Communication from the State of California Department of Public Works, inclosing resolution passed by the Highway Commission, relinquishing to the jurisdiction of the City of Torrance a portion of State Highway Route 60 and State Highway Route 164.

Engineer Leonard recommended that the City accept this offer.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 1048

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING RELINQUISHMENT OF  
JURISDICTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OVER  
CERTAIN PORTIONS OF STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 60  
AND STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 164

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1048 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Communication from the Pacific Electric Railway Company regarding easement for highway purposes over certain portion of P. E. right of way on Cabrillo Avenue from Border Avenue to Carson Street, and inclosing bill for \$36.09 covering the erecting of crossing signs.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the bill be paid. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Communication from the Torrance Fire Department, requesting that all 3-story buildings in the City of Torrance be required to install fire escapes, and requesting that arrangements be made to transfer all fire calls to the Walteria Fire Station (Redondo 7234) to Torrance 23, and that night calls to Torrance 23 be relayed to Torrance 338.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk be instructed to contact the Redondo Beach telephone exchange and make arrangements to relay the Walteria fire calls to Torrance. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

It was stated that the local telephone exchange would no doubt be willing to relay the local calls, as requested by the Fire Department.

Engineer Leonard was requested to contact the owners of all three-story buildings in Torrance and ask them to build fire escapes, for the protection of their tenants.

As a matter of record, the City Clerk read a telegram from the Public Works Administration, announcing the grant for the Fire Station.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1049

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS TO INCREASE AMOUNT OF GRANT TO AID IN CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY HALL BUILDING, P.W.A. DOCKET NO. 1174-R

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1049 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1050

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING MAP OF TRACT NO. 11172

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1050 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1051

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COVERING PROJECTS NOS. 5, 6 AND 7, PUBLIC HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE OUT OF GASOLINE TAX FUNDS

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1051 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1052

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF INTERSECTION OF 190th STREET AND WESTERN AVENUE AND PORTION OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD: REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO TRANSMIT FUNDS ALLOCATED THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF SAID FUNDS FOR SAID PURPOSES, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1052 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1053

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE ADOPTING WAGE SCALE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT  
OF INTERSECTION OF 190TH STREET AND WESTERN AVENUE  
AND PORTION OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1053 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Attorney Rippy explained that the lots purchased from Anton Huber, on which a \$2000.00 balance is owing, would have to be paid in full before building could be started on the new Administration Building.

Councilman Tolson moved that the \$2000.00, plus interest, be paid to Mr. Huber. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1054

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF LOS  
ANGELES TO CANCEL TAXES ON LOTS 17, 18, 19  
AND 20, BLOCK 8, TORRANCE TRACT FOR LAST HALF  
OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1935-36 AND SUBSEQUENT TAXES

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1054 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION No. 1055

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS  
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING, P.W.A. DOCKET NO. 1487-D

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1055 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1056

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT  
WITH WALKER AND EISEN, ARCHITECTS, COVERING  
CONSTRUCTION OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, P.W.A.  
DOCKET NO. 1487-D.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1056 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1057

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE APPROVING BOND OF SCOTT R. LUDLOW,  
AS CITY TREASURER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1057 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1058

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF "NOTICE  
TO CONTRACTORS" COVERING CONSTRUCTION OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, P.W.A. DOCKET NO. 1487-D

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1058 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Attorney Rippy presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1059

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION TO ADVANCE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE 15% OF ITS GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, P.W.A. DOCKET NO. 1487-D

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1059 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an additional \$400.00 be appropriated for further work on Ward Street and certain intersections of Ward Street, in Waleria. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Clerk Bartlett reported the receipt of \$591.59 from the State Compensation Insurance Fund.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Isen, of the Pueblo Land Company, complained that the water bill for their houses in the Pueblo was excessive, and requested that some adjustment be made.

Engineer Leonard stated that there is considerable leakage in the riveted pipe lines, due to the increased pressure.

Mayor Stanger stated that Mexicans had complained about the condition of the houses in the Pueblo and stated that they would move into Mr. Isen's houses if he would put them in good condition, installing plumbing, et cetera.

Mr. Isen said that the rentals were low and that installing plumbing would mean using more water, thus increasing the bill further.

Mayor Stanger also stated that the Health Department had made unfavorable reports as to the condition of these houses, and he said he believed the rents could be increased if the houses were improved.

The matter was referred to the Water Board for investigation and recommendation.

Engineer Leonard stated that the City has an easement over the Pacific Electric right of way at Cabrillo and Border Avenues. He said that the Pacific Electric will raise their tracks and put in new rails, provided the City will arrange to pave that portion of the street at the same time.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Engineer be authorized to pave this section of Cabrillo Avenue (at Border Avenue). Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Attorney Rippe presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1060

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DEEDS  
FOR OPENING AND EXTENSION OF 237TH STREET

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1060 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Mayor Stanger asked Engineer Leonard about the Narbonne Avenue project. Engineer Leonard reported that the Edison Company had been notified of the necessity of moving their pole line, and had agreed to take care of same, but preferred to wait until after the first of the year, due to their financial set-up. He also stated that the City will pay a portion of the expense, and the balance will be borne by the State highway fund for major highways.

Mayor Stanger said that he thought the sidewalk should be put in on Arlington Avenue between 222nd Street and Plaza del Amo.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Street Superintendent be authorized to pave this sidewalk. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

The Mayor stressed the importance of having a white stripe on as many of the highways as possible, and Engineer Leonard stated that he had contacted the County relative to painting Western Avenue. He also said that the \$900.00 set aside for the maintenance of Hawthorne Avenue could be used for painting that road.

Engineer Leonard was requested to see that this matter was attended to as soon as possible.

Mayor Stanger reported that the Library Board had had a meeting this date and they recommended new lights for the Library, as requested by Miss Vogelsson, County Librarian.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted and the work be authorized. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Mayor Stanger stated that the Library Board also desired that a fireplace be built at the corner of the northeast wall of the Library, to take the place of the iron incinerator furnished by the County.

Mayor Stanger reported that 30 "Owl" buttons had been placed on Narbonne Avenue at the curve where it joins Arlington.

Councilman Powell moved that this purchase be approved. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Mayor Stanger moved that \$600.00 be transferred from the unallocated fund to the Police Department fund, for special police work during the holidays, in an effort to prevent the stealing of poultry, et cetera. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: McGuire.

At 9:15 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Baird  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Stanger  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.